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Business Roundtable Urges House to Approve CISPA

Appropriate and Meaningful Federal Role Necessary to Combat Growing Cyber Threats

Citing a critical need for Congressional action to create the framework for more effective sharing of cybersecurity information between the government and the private sector, Business Roundtable (BRT) calls for the House to approve H.R. 3523, the **Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act** (CISPA), bipartisan legislation introduced by Representatives Rogers and Ruppersberger.

In a letter to the House, Business Roundtable CEOs urged support for CISPA, as it represents "an essential component to a more robust and responsive cybersecurity infrastructure."

BRT believes CISPA best meets the criteria for legislation articulated in its recent report, "Mission Critical: A Public-Private Strategy for Effective Cybersecurity," as it contains solutions that are:

- **Scalable, Flexible, Risk Based, and Customized by Sector**
- **Collaborative, Proactive, and Responsive**
- **Globally Replicable**

The World Economic Forum calls threats to cybersecurity one of the top five global risks facing the world today, citing "the prevalence of cyber theft and the little understood area of all-out cyber warfare."
– Global Risks 2012

More Effective Cybersecurity Will Help Sustain U.S. Information Technology Leadership and Protect Strategic Economic Assets

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